

Docket No. 192210US0

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Tsuyoshi KOWAKA, et al

SERIAL NO: 09/577,158

FILED: May 24, 2000

FOR: POLYVINYL ALCOHOL POLYMER PRODUCTION METHOD AND POLYVINYL ALCOHOL POLYMER



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SIR:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required
- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
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- ☐ Additional documents filed herewith:

The Fee has been calculated as shown below:

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INDEPENDENT	2	MINUS	2	0	× \$78 =	\$0.00
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		TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS				\$0.00
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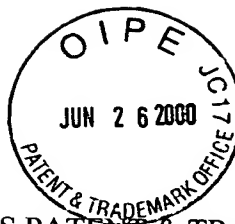
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to examination on the merits please amend the specification and claims as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 27, line 7 after "unit" insert --/Formula--.

Page 28, line 12 after the last word "the" insert --block character--.

Page 29, line 4 after the last word "the" insert --block character--.

Page 30, line 3, after "The" insert --block character --.

Page 30, line 13, after "The" insert --block character--.

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1-28.